IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 5, 6, 10 and 14, and CANCEL claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, and 12 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic mail device comprising:

a mail accepting unit accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

a keyword extraction unit obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail<u>, wherein the keyword is at least one of:</u>

<u>a character string delimited by the start point and the end point;</u>

<u>information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient;</u>

<u>a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time, or the present date and time; or</u>

<u>a character string delimited by the start point and the end point, wherein one of:</u>

<u>strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are perfectly coincident with each other;</u>

<u>strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are coincident forwards; or</u>

<u>a value given by (a number of words used in common throughout respective titles of saved mail)/(a total number of words) is obtained, and the value is equal to or greater than a predetermined value;</u>

a search unit searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail previously processed;

an additional information selection unit accepting, in a case where the search unit has searched out plural pieces of additional information, a selection, from a list of the plural pieces of additional information, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and

an adding unit adding the <u>accepted selection</u> ~~searched additional information~~ to the electronic mail as the processing object~~, wherein the adding unit adding the additional~~

~~information of which accepted the selection by the additional information selection unit,~~ in the case where the search unit has searched out plural pieces of additional information.

2.   (CANCELED)

3.   (CANCELED)

4.   (CANCELLED)

5.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic mail device according to ~~any one of claims 1 through 3~~claim 1, wherein when receiving the electronic mail from a source terminal and transmitting the mail to a destination terminal, the additional information is added to the electronic mail.

6.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium recorded with an information adding program for an electronic mail, for making a computer execute:

accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail, wherein the keyword is at least one of:

a character string delimited by the start point and the end point;

information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient;

a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time, or the present date and time; or

a character string delimited by the start point and the end point, wherein one of:

strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are perfectly coincident with each other;

strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are coincident forwards; or

a value given by (a number of words used in common throughout respective titles of saved mail)/(a total number of words) is obtained, and the value is equal to or greater than a predetermined value;

searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail previously processed;

accepting, in a case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information in the searching for the additional information, a selection, from a list of the plural pieces of additional

information, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and

adding the accepted selection ~~searched additional information~~ to the electronic mail as the processing object~~, wherein the adding involves adding the additional information of which accepted the selection in the accepting,~~ in the case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information.

7.   (CANCELED).

8.   (CANCELED)

9.   (CANCELLED)

10.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information adding method for an electronic mail, by which an electronic mail device executes:

accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail, wherein the keyword is at least one of:

a character string delimited by the start point and the end point;

information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient;

a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time, or the present date and time; or

a character string delimited by the start point and the end point, wherein one of:

strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are perfectly coincident with each other;

strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are coincident forwards; or

a value given by (a number of words used in common throughout respective titles of saved mail)/(a total number of words) is obtained, and the value is equal to or greater than a predetermined value;

searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail processed in the past;

accepting, in a case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information in the searching for the additional information, a selection, from a list of the plural pieces of the

additional information, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and

adding the <u>accepted selection</u> ~~searched additional information~~ to the electronic mail as the processing object~~, wherein the adding involves adding the additional information of which accepted the selection in the accepting,~~ in the case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information.

11.   (CANCELED)

12.   (CANCELED)

13.   (CANCELLED)

14.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information adding program for an electronic mail, for making a computer execute:

accepting an input of an electronic mail as a processing object;

obtaining a keyword from the electronic mail<u>, wherein the keyword is at least one of:</u>

<u>a character string delimited by the start point and the end point;</u>

<u>information about an existing area of a sender or about a pre-registered recipient;</u>

<u>a date and time recorded in relative time since a date and time of transmission, an absolute date and time obtained from the present date and time, or the present date and time; or</u>

<u>a character string delimited by the start point and the end point, wherein one of:</u>

<u>strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are perfectly coincident with each other;</u>

<u>strings of words of titles of saved mail and the input electronic mail are coincident forwards; or</u>

<u>a value given by (a number of words used in common throughout respective titles of saved mail)/(a total number of words) is obtained, and the value is equal to or greater than a predetermined value;</u>

searching for additional information corresponding to the keyword from an additional candidate storage unit stored with candidates for the additional information to the mail, etc. processed in the past;

accepting, in a case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information in the searching for the additional information, a selection, from a list of the plural pieces of additional

information, wherein the list has been sorted on a basis of a history of mails previously transmitted or received; and

adding the <u>accepted selection</u> ~~searched additional information~~ to the electronic mail as the processing object~~, wherein the adding involves adding the additional information of which accepted the selection in the accepting,~~ in the case of having searched out plural pieces of additional information.